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**MOTION FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS  
BEEN GIVEN (December 8, 2015)**

**Councillor Tom Mrakas**

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**Date: January 26, 2016**

**To: Mayor and Members of Council**

**From: Councillor Mrakas**

**Re: Blue Dot Campaign**

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WHEREAS the Town of Aurora understands that people are part of the environment, and that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS as the Town updates its Corporate Environmental Action Plan, it will consider and have regard for the environmental consideration of the Blue Dot Campaign; and

WHEREAS the Town, as an environmental steward, respects, protects, fulfills and promotes rights for the benefit of existing and future generations; and

WHEREAS the Town is committed to supporting the protection, enhancement and restoration of the environment by fostering education and outreach, collaborating through partnerships, supporting the development of connected communities and reporting progress towards reaching goals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora finds and declares that:

1. All people have the right to live in a healthy environment, including:
  - a) The right to breathe clean air;
  - b) The right to drink clean water;
  - c) The right to consume safe food;
  - d) The right to access nature;
  - e) The right to know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment; and
  - f) The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment.

2. The Town of Aurora has the responsibility, within its jurisdiction, to respect, protect, fulfill and promote these rights.
3. The Town of Aurora shall specify objectives, targets and timelines and actions the Town will take, within its jurisdiction, to fulfill residents' right to a healthy environment, including priority actions to:
  - a) Ensure infrastructure and development projects protect the environment, including air quality;
  - b) Address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and implementing adaptation measures;
  - c) Responsibly increase density;
  - d) Prioritize walking, cycling and public transit as preferred modes of transportation;
  - e) Reduce solid waste and promote recycling and composting; and
  - f) Establish and maintain accessible green spaces in all residential neighbourhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora shall forward a copy of this declaration to the provincial government, federal government, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), to show support for recognizing the right of all people to live in a healthy environment.